

Remarks

Claims 1-4, 8-9, 11-14, 17, and 22 were rejected as anticipated by O'NEIL et al. 4,812,629 and claims 5-7, 10, 15-16, 18-21, and 23-24 were rejected as unpatentable over O'NEIL et al. in view of McCARRICK et al. 5,953,682. These claims have been canceled and new claims have been added that avoid these rejections. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Claim 25 is allowable because the references, alone or in combination, do not disclose an installation for storing cylindrical containers that includes a delimited storage zone with a first access that provides direct and simultaneous access to all of the plural locations where the containers are stored, and a delimited access bay providing access to the first access and having a second access with a second door and a second lock, where an authorization device operates and controls the first and second locks so that the first and second doors are not open simultaneously.

The dependent claims also avoid the applied references. Claim 26 further provides that the access bay has a first device for dispensing the identification medium, where the authorization device controls this first device to dispense the identification medium only when the first and second doors are closed. The art does not disclose or suggest this dispensing device that operates as claimed. The art also does not disclose or suggest the

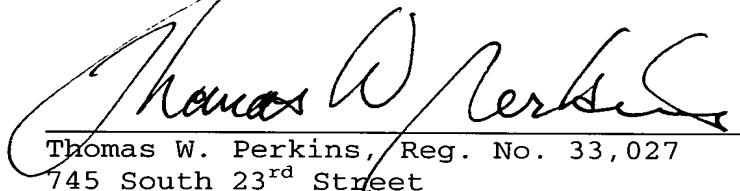
terminal that determines a location of the container in the installation and of an identity of a user who moved the container to the respective location, where the terminal determines the location of the container based on an installation-wide positioning system and records movement of the container over time as in claims 27-28.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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